



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Recreation Department

Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Date: November 20, 2025

To: Parks and Recreation Committee Members
From: Andrea Miller, Recreation Director
Date: November 5, 2025

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Committee Dog Park Discussion Follow up Items

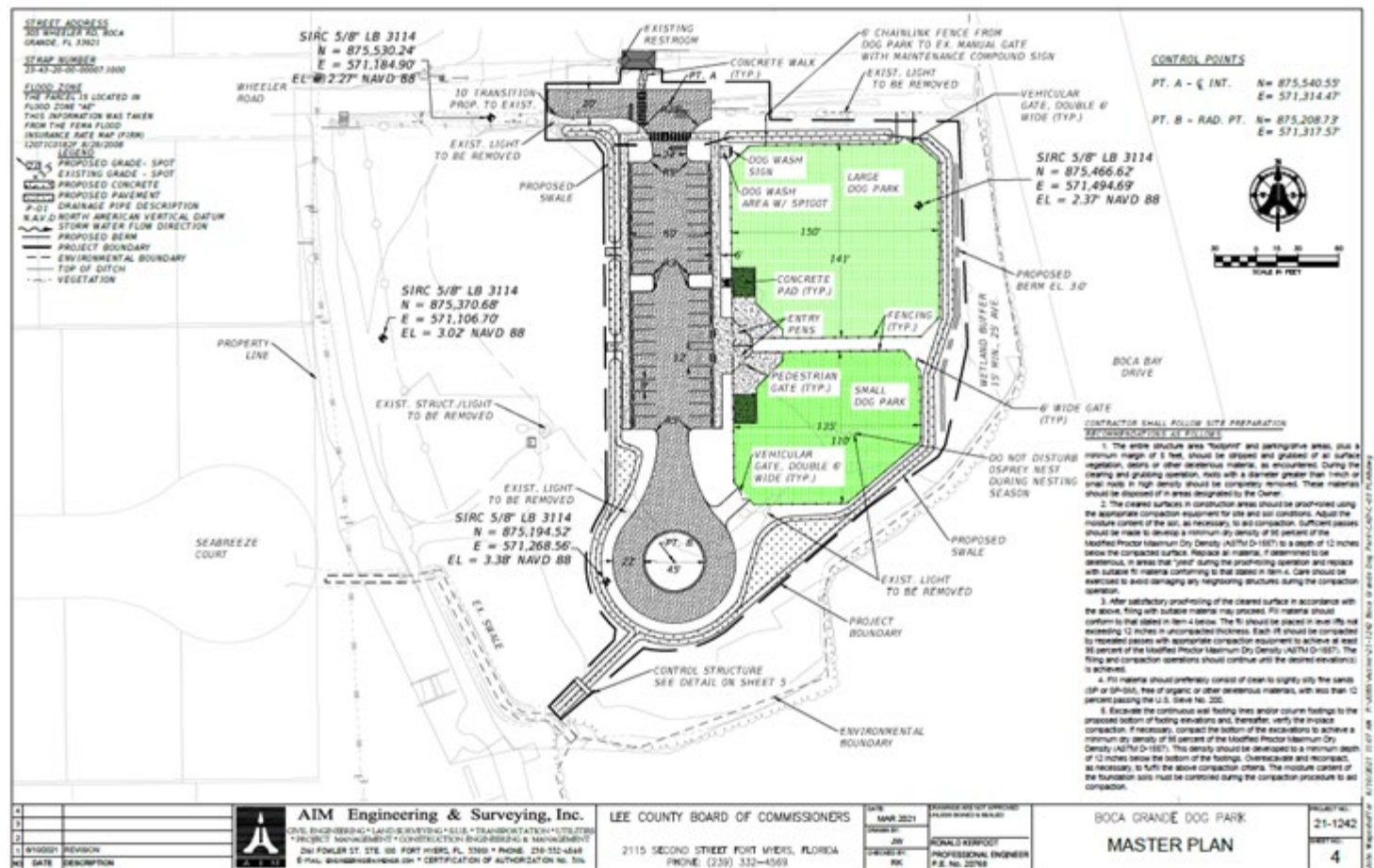
BACKGROUND:

At the September 18, 2025, Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, during the discussion on potential recreation related five-year capital projects, the committee unanimously requested that a dog park be added to the October 16, 2025, meeting for discussion. At the October meeting, the committee was provided with historical information from 2007-2008 on a previous Sanibel Dog Park project as well as the March 2009 Dog Park Referendum results which did not pass by a vote of 1,406 (yes) to 1,527 (no).

At the November meeting, staff is providing the following information:

- **Minimum Dog Park Standards:**
 - A minimum of one acre of land
 - 4ft to 6ft high chain link fencing with double gate entry
 - Separate areas for small dogs and large dogs
 - Surfacing and sanitization considerations
 - Cleaning supplies (garbage cans, waste bags, etc.)
 - Shade and water for dogs and owners. Dog wash stations.
 - Benches, tables, bike racks, etc.
 - Signage (rules, hours, etc.)
 - Parking close to the site
 - ADA accessibility
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- **Lee County Parks and Recreation most recent dog park construction information:**
 - Boca Grande Dog Park, 305 Wheeler Rd (repurposed ballfield County owned land).
 - Constructed in 2022 for \$1,005,368.29
 - Project duration = 3 ½ years
 - Funded by community park impact fees and County general fund
 - Large dog area is 0.48 acres / Small dog area is 0.34 acres
 - Annual maintenance cost = \$30,000

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- **Additional Discussion Items:**

- Committee direction on any recommendations to Council:
 - Further consideration of a Sanibel dog park concept
 - Community Survey to gauge interest (draft survey attached for discussion purposes)
- Proposed Location / Land (greater than one acre)
 - Currently no City-owned land available outside of the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Conservation Districts
 - Referendum required to remove City-owned land from Environmentally Sensitive Lands Conservation Districts
 - Private land available for purchase
- Funding
 - Land
 - Construction
 - Annual Maintenance

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